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Re application of: Hoffmann et al  
 Serial No.: 10/840,114 GROUP ART UNIT: 2857  
 Filed: May 6, 2004 EXAMINER: M. Baran  
 For: "METHOD AND DEVICE TO TEST THE OPERATION SAFETY OF A PROCESS CONTROL DEVICE" CONFIRMATION NO.: 7271

**AMENDMENT B**

Commissioner for Patents  
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 SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
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TOTAL CLAIMS	*17	MINUS	**20	X	( ) X 25.00 ( ) X 50.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*2	MINUS	3	X	( ) X 100.00 ( ) X 200.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$180.00 ( ) \$360.00 ONE TIME	
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  - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005 ("OA"), please amend  
10 the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the concurrently filed  
Substitute Specification with mark-up copy. No new matter has been added.

15 **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.